

I am opposed to limiting the signal bandwidth of either the AM or SSB amateur radio operators. High fidelity voice communications has always been of interest in amateur radio and should not be regulated out of existence based upon spectrum inefficiency. This argument has no basis, especially given that there are extremely few amateurs engaging in this activity and there is a relatively tiny portion of band segment routinely populated by these signals. I personally have been a licensed radio amateur for 38 years and have invested (yes invested) tens of thousands of dollars in vintage AM radio transmitters. Additionally, I have invested hundreds of hours of labor restoring these wonderful works of engineering art to their original configurations. I would feel it an injustice to be regulated out of enjoying their use or worse, being forced to cannibalize them to restrict their transmission bandwidth. I (as do most other AM operators) use my vintage gear in the 'AM WINDOW' of the HF bands. Here we battle for spectrum with 'like minded' individuals who generally respect the old tenets of amateur operation and who are cautious about interfering with others. This segment is 'self policing' and we are troubled more by malicious interference than a fellow AM operator on a near by frequency. Although I don't operate high fidelity SSB, I sympathize with those fellow amateurs who enjoy experimenting with the wonders of audio signal processing. This is what amateur radio is all about, experimenting with all forms of technologies and in some cases, even advancing those technologies. Good sounding SSB is joy to listen to. The prevalent heavily compressed SSB splatter found all over the HF band spectrum should be 'the spectrum issue' addressed herein, not vintage AM transmitters and high technology SSB implementing state of the art audio processing.